

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. Canceled.

13. Withdrawn.

14-23. Canceled.

24-30. Withdrawn.

31-39. Canceled.

40. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation of organic azides in an *in vivo* administrable form having the general formula



wherein DYE is an aromatic or a heteroaromatic radical of cyanines; E is a hydrogen atom; L is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_a-$, $-(CH_2)_bCONR^1-$, $-N(R^2)CO(CH_2)_c-$, $-OCO(CH_2)_d-$, $-(CH_2)_eCO_2-$, $-OCONH-$, $-OCO_2-$, $-HNCONH-$, $-HNCSNH-$, $-HNNHCO-$, $-OSO_2-$, $-NR^3(CH_2)_fCONR^4-$, $-CONR^5(CH_2)_gNR^6CO-$, and $-NR^7CO(CH_2)_hCONR^8-$; X is either a single bond or is selected from the group consisting of $-(CH_2)_i-$, $-OCO-$, $-HNCO-$, $-(CH_2)_jCO-$, and $-(CH_2)_kOCO-$; R^1 to R^8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl, $-OH$, C1-C10 polyhydroxyalkyl, C1-C10 alkoxy, C1-C10 alkoxyalkyl, $-SO_3H$, $-(CH_2)_lCO_2H$, and $-(CH_2)_mNR^9R^{10}$; R^9 and R^{10} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C1-C10 alkyl, C5-C10 aryl, and C1-C10 polyhydroxyalkyl; and a to l independently range from 0 to 10.

41. Withdrawn.